



Scruton Allotments Association

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Meeting Minutes Held on the 7th September at Peacock Close, Scruton.

ATTENDANCE: RICHARD ZEALLEY, IAN POWELL, JOE LOFTHOUSE, ELIZABETH DAVIES, JOHN VICKERS, ANDY VENUS.

APOLOGIES:

Welcome	Comments	Action Points
1. Matters arising from previous minutes.	Due to personal issues over the proposed development of the solar farm within the village, Syd Nye had decided to stand down from the committee. The chair expressed the need to minute Syd's commitment to the association and with regret accept his resignation. The chair welcomed AV to the meeting as a co-opted member.	
2. Finance update.	No further developments since the last meeting, except for outlay on H&S equipment. The Ass finances which still stand at the total of £1,650	
3. Potato weigh, Food Festival Yes, or No?	<p>From the previous meeting, developments had occurred and a long discussion took place relating to the pros & cons to the proposal. As an annual event the PW would take place, the inclusion of additional events to help promote the association and the wider village was also agreed.</p> <p>AV proposed to incorporate the use of his 'juicing' equipment along with an additional one from JL, the proposal would be to open it to anyone for a donation to have any excess fruit namely apples & pears in the village to bring them along and have the fruit juiced.</p> <p>JL had confirmed that he had approached Jilly Cooper of the Malton Cookery School to be invited to undertake a demonstration relating to seasonal produce provided by the Ass.</p> <p>RZ suggested a produce/plant stall.</p> <p>AV mentioned that in future years that the 'Gardeners Question Time' should be held in Spring, (early May or late April) with the Association's Food Fest held in late September early October to separate the events.</p>	<p>AV to oversee the Juicing. IP to undertake the Potato Weighing. JL to oversee the cookery demonstration alongside Jilly Cooper and to explore the possibility of accessing the appropriate equipment to allow the demo to be viewed.</p> <p>RZ to format marketing in the form of 'Date for your diary' with no confirmation of who or what in the first instance.</p>



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	<p>The committee were reminded that this was a new venture and the need to keep the event small for the first year was essential as not to over stretch the volunteers on the committee. Entrance to the Demo would be £7.50 which hopefully could be paid in advance via SumUp to give an idea of numbers.</p> <p>A meeting to be held at the Village Hall on 28th Sept was agreed to assess the layout for the event.</p> <p>Date agreed of the 8th October for the inaugural Scruton Allotment Food Festival.</p>	
4. GQT	<p>Confirmation that the event again would be held in the village hall on the 2nd November, format for the evening still to be confirmed, two panellists had been confirmed from Harlow Carr courtesy of JL a third option still being sourced. Evening to be the same as last year with nibbles provided, a bar and the inclusion of a raffle.</p>	<p>JV to follow up third member of the panel.</p>
5. Compost	<p>Still an ongoing issue with developments around the increasing possibility that we would only get one load of manure from the farm due to increasing fertiliser costs and his need to use his own source of fertiliser. Various options are in place to source addition manure which is for the benefit of the allotment members to help keep their cost at a minimum. Request from AV to have one, possibly two bins to be used by the allotment holders to dispose of their own green waste.</p>	<p>IP to look at options of transport to pick up horse manure.</p> <p>JV to look at provision of additional bins.</p>
6. AOB		
7. DONM	<p>The 28th September to discuss the layout of the food festival, no additional date was fixed but the need for a meeting after the FF and before the 2nd Nov to confirm the format for the GQT will be needed.</p>	